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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 February 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 12-18 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 12-15 and 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 16-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see page 5, filed 22 February 2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 19-20 under 35 USC§102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of 35 USC§ 112.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 16-18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for controlling unwanted microorganisms such as Alternaria, Aspergillus, Chaetomium, Coniophora, Lentinus, Penicillium, Polyporus, Aureobasidium, Sclerophoma, Trichoderma, Escherichia, Pseudomonas, Staphylococcus, Plasmodiophoromycetes, Oomycetes, Chytridiomycetes, Zygomycetes, Ascomycetes, Basidiomycetes and Deuteromycetes, Pseudomonadaceae, Rhizobiaceae, Enterobacteriaceae, Corynebacteriaceae, Streptomycetaceae, Xanthomonas, Pseudomonas, Erwinia, Pythium, Phytophthora, Pseudoperonospora, Plasmopara, Bremia, Peronospora, Erysiphe, Sphaerotheca, Podosphaera , Venturia, Pyrenophora, Cochliobolus, Uromyces , Puccinia,

Sclerotinia, Tilletia, Ustilago, Pellicularia, Pyricularia , Fusarium, Botrytis, Septoria, Leptosphaeria, Cercospora, Altemaria, Pseudocercospora does not reasonably provide enablement for all unwanted microorganisms in the treatment of crops and materials. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

There is no guidance regarding the use of these compounds as anti-microbial in non-crop protection situations. The claims should be limited to crop protection, specific materials and microorganisms in which the microorganisms were actually controlled.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 12-15 & 21 are allowed.
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deborah D. Carr whose telephone number is 571-272-0637.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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